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A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT



It's hard to believe we are approaching the end of the year already. This can be such a hectic time with work, meetings, shopping, getting ready for the holidays and finding time to write your letter for the newsletter.

Also at this time, we look back at what we've accomplished this past year and the things we want to do in the upcoming year. As I was contemplating New Year's resolutions I checked the internet to see what the most popular resolutions are. In amongst the losing weight, saving money, getting fit, quitting smoking and getting organized resolutions, I found several in which being involved in SAME would help you accomplish.

If you would resolve to attend the monthly Post Luncheons in the upcoming year you could accomplish resolutions of:

Learning Something New. The informative speakers and topics at the luncheons will always teach you something new.

Spend More Time with Friends. The luncheons give you an opportunity to visit friends from other firms and agencies.

Improve Your Job. You have the opportunity to network at the luncheons with potential clients and peers and find out what is happening within the professional community.

Reduce Stress. Taking a break in the middle of a hectic day to go relax, have a nice meal and visit with people is a great way to reduce stress.

Take a Trip. Periodically the luncheons involve a field trip. (I know it's kind of a stretch)

We have a great slate of Luncheon programs coming up so please put them on your New Year's resolution list this year.

May everyone have a wonderful holiday season!

**Bill Glismann
Omaha Post President**

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Thursday, December 20, 2007

General Membership Meeting

11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

*“December 2006 Ice Storm and
Disaster Recovery Program”*

*Mr. John McClure
General Counsel for NPPD*

Location: Doubletree Hotel*

Thursday, January 24, 2008

General Membership Meeting

11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

*Cynthia Gonsalves, Acting Director
Office of Technology Transition
Office of Secretary of Defense (Invited)*

Location: Doubletree Hotel*

Thursday, February 21, 2008

Engineers Week Banquet

6:00 p.m. Social Hour

7:00 p.m. Banquet and Program

*“Google’s \$300 Million Data Center in
Council Bluffs, Iowa”*

Location: Cascio’s Steak House

*Doubletree Hotel is located at 1616 Dodge Street

CALL FOR NOMINEES (2007 SAME AWARDS)

The Omaha Post Awards Committee is seeking nominations for the 2007 SAME Awards Program. Deadlines are approaching for awards in several categories as noted in the table attached at the end of the newsletter. The Omaha Post has received many significant awards, most notably the Walter O. Bachus Gold Medal, bestowed on our very own Roger Wozny in 2006. There are MANY members who have made significant contributions to the Omaha Post for years and have yet to be recognized. Please take a moment to consider your fellow members and, more importantly, take the action to make a difference for those who have done the same. You’ll be glad you did.

The deadlines for submission of most nomination packages are January 31, but the submission for student awards is the end of February and Merit awards and the President’s Medal can be given anytime.

Additional information regarding the awards program is available by contacting David Packard, Awards Committee Chair at 402-697-2661 or david.a.packard@usace.army.mil or visit the SAME website.



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2008 MISSOURI RIVER/TEXOMA REGIONAL CONFERENCE

by Jeanne LeBron



The official countdown to the 2008 Missouri River/TEXOMA Regional conference has begun – now just 10 months away! **Creating Regional Synergy** will feature three tracks of education and training sessions, including Mo River and Texoma topics, as well as other general topics of interest.

The conference will be held on the southwestern edge of the Omaha metro, in the new Embassy Suites Omaha - La Vista Hotel & Conference Center scheduled to open in the spring of 2008. The hotel and conference center is situated just off Interstate 80 in the new Southport shopping, business and entertainment development and is adjacent to the new Cabela's. Area attractions include Omaha's famous Old Market district, Shadow Lake Towne Center and Village Pointe shopping centers, Durham Western Heritage Museum, Offutt Air Force Base, and the Strategic Air and Space Museum, all within easy reach from the conference.

Conference participants will be able to relax in a spacious two-room suite with a complimentary cooked-to-order breakfast every morning and nightly Manager's Reception. With more than 55,000 square feet of event space, the regional conference will hold more than 75 exhibit spaces, as well as have adequate room to host related events such as the **Fall Board** and the **Senior Executive Group** meetings.

Exhibit space registration, including one full conference registration, has recently opened. Approximately 1/3 of the spaces were quickly reserved by companies looking forward to the opportunity to display information about their firm to their clients and teaming partners. Sponsorship opportunities for this high visibility conference will be opening soon – and in fact, may be live by the time this Newsletter is published.

Information on becoming a sponsor and/or exhibitor is available at www.same.org/Omaha2008.



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URS CORPORATION COMPLETES ACQUISITION OF WASHINGTON GROUP INTERNATIONAL

Omaha, NE - URS Corporation (NYSE: URS) announced that the Company completed its acquisition of Washington Group International, Inc. (NYSE: WNG) for a total purchase price of approximately \$3.1 billion.

This transaction has important benefits for the customers of both companies. With the addition of Washington Group's complementary engineering and construction services, URS becomes one of the few fully-integrated engineering, construction and technical services firms capable of serving every phase of a project – from initial planning, engineering and construction of a project, to operations and maintenance. The combined company also has enhanced scale and expertise to meet the increasing demand for comprehensive solutions on large, complex global assignments. URS is looking forward to capturing the tremendous potential of the combined company.

The acquisition further diversifies and broadens URS' market exposure, allowing the Company to offer a broad range of engineering and construction services to clients in the transportation, facilities, environmental, water/wastewater, industrial infrastructure and process, homeland security, installations and logistics, and defense systems markets. In addition, the combined company will be a major contractor to the federal government.

URS is a leading provider of engineering, construction and technical services for public agencies and private sector companies around the world. The Company offers a comprehensive range of professional planning, engineering and architectural design, environmental, heavy construction, program and construction management, system integration, and operations and maintenance, management and a wide range of specialized technical services for transportation, hazardous waste, industrial infrastructure and process, petrochemical, general building, water/wastewater, military facilities and equipment platforms, and defense and security programs. Headquartered in San Francisco, the Company operates in 34 countries with approximately 55,000 employees providing engineering and technical services to federal, state and local governmental agencies as well as private clients in the chemical, pharmaceutical, oil and gas, power, manufacturing, mining, forest products, and food and beverage industries (www.urscorp.com). The acquisition of Washington Group will be a great asset to the growing of the Omaha office, primarily in the process and energy business markets. Locally, URS has had record sales, revenue, and backlog and are well positioned for future growth.



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JEANNE LEBRON JOINS TSP




Omaha, Nebraska - Jeanne LeBron, CPSM, assumes role of Chief Marketing Office with TSP on November 8, 2007. LeBron brings years of marketing management experience to the firm, including knowledge gained from working at architectural and engineering firms during the last twelve years. She is a graduate of Bellevue University

with a BS in Global Management, as well as a graduate from the Omaha Chamber of Commerce's Leadership Omaha program. Based out of TSP's Omaha location, LeBron will lead the strategic business development and marketing for the firm. She is a member of the four-person Executive Team (CEO, COO, CAO, and CMO), a cohesive leadership group charged with creating and reinforcing organizational clarity, and clearly communicating identity and direction for the firm.

LeBron is an active participant in the Society of American Military Engineers (SAME), the American Council of Engineering Companies (ACEC) and the Society of Marketing Professional Services (SMPS). With SAME, she is past-president of the Omaha Post, and participates on a National level as a Facilities Management Committee Chair and a program track chairperson for the 2008 National SAME conference scheduled in Minneapolis during May. With ACEC, she is committee chair within the Federal Procurement and Advocacy Committee. She is co-founder and a past-president of SMPS Nebraska.

TSP has offices in Minneapolis, Marshall and Rochester; MN, Sioux Falls and Rapid City, SD; Omaha, NE; Sheridan, WY; and Marshalltown, IA. TSP is a full service firm offering architecture, engineering, interior design and construction services. The firm has experience in a wide range of project types, most notably in healthcare, assisted living housing, educational facilities, and government buildings including county office buildings, law enforcement facilities, public safety, and recreational facilities.



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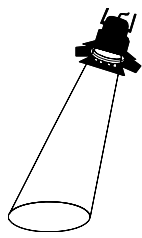
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MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

DENNY WILSON



Position on the SAME Board?

Special Events for 2008 Regional Conference

What's your "day" job?

Operations Manager for the Omaha Office of HGM Associates. I manage the scheduling, personnel assignments, marketing, and day to day administration of an office of 20 individuals. I also teach part time at Bellevue University in marketing and the MPA program.

Personal Information

Married, for 29 years, to Laurie, 3 daughters: Jennifer 23; Katlin 21; Mara 16. Two dogs Buddy and Bridget. Enjoy golf, biking, running, and snow skiing. Currently enrolled in a PhD program at Iowa State in Family and Consumer Science.

How did you become involved with SAME?

Bill Glismann, current Chapter President from our office encouraged me to join. I had done some work with SAME while with a previous employer 20 years ago and enjoyed participating in the organization.

What has been personally fulfilling/beneficial from your work with SAME?

Meeting the people who are active in the organization. They have always been professional, courteous, and enjoyable to work with.

What project/task/endeavor have you been most excited/proud to work on in conjunction with SAME?

The Industry Day Planning Committee is my first official committee but it has been great working with the people in charge of this undertaking. They are well prepared and focused on making it a great event.

What are you looking forward to in the next year? 5 years? 15 years with SAME?

I will seek to become more involved in the organization and will focus on learning more about SAME and its membership. My intent is to serve on a variety of committees in order to meet the vast network of professionals associated with SAME.

What are the goals you hope to accomplish during your time in your position on the board?

Our overriding goal is to make Industry Day a success. My personal goals are to secure information on what made the previous years' events successful; to present the Nebraska Chapter in a favorable light as the sponsor of the 2008

Industry; and to insure that the experience is both productive and enjoyable.

What benefits do you see for our community through SAME's work?

SAME is an active organization that creates a vital link between the civilian and military networks. It encourages communication between these groups; fosters respect; and is a public relations vehicle for bringing the military into the community.

What would you say to an individual thinking about joining SAME?

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STUDENT MENTORING PROGRAM FOR 2007/2008

by Roy Singleton

The Student Mentoring Program for 2007-2008 school year is on its way. Comments from last year's survey of participants (teachers, mentors, judges, monitors, helpers) were reviewed and responses formulated where appropriate. Suggestions are being incorporated into this year's program. Comments may be reviewed at our web site, <http://www.pki.nebraska.edu/simp/> under "Announcements."

This year's schedule is as follows:

October 10, 2007: Teacher/Mentor Orientations

December 7, 2007: Submittal 1 (60 points)

January 11, 2008: Submittal 2 (60 points)

January 19, 2008: Workshop

February 17 – 23, 2008: E-Week (2007 program winners)

TBD: Teacher/Mentor Social

February 29, 2008: Submittal 3 (60 points)

April 4, 2008: Written Proposal Due (60 points)

April TBD, 2008: Judges' Orientation

April 23, 2008: Presentations

April 23, 2008: Project Display and Honor Ceremony

October 22, 2008: Industry Day (winners)

We have 16 high school teams and 11 middle school teams. All teams have made their first project submittal which consists of a synopsis, title, names of their teacher(s) and mentor(s), and a tentative schedule. Except for their schedule, all this information is on our web site at <http://www.pki.nebraska.edu/simp/>. Look under "2007-2008 High/Middle School Teams and Project Synopses". Please check it out and see what projects the students are working on this year. Logos for schools and mentors' companies along with their web links are also provided for additional information.

Coming in January will be the teams' second project submittal and our workshop. We are also planning our first annual mentor and teacher appreciation social, and our first orientation session for the judges.

If you are interested in promoting your profession, working with pre-college students, or earning a maximum of 30 Professional Development Hours, contact Roy Singleton, Peter Kiewit Institute, 554-2098. The mentoring program is in need of two mentors for Omaha North High and one for McMillan Magnet.

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A MESSAGE FROM THE EDITOR

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Goethals Medal	Registered engineer who was a member of SAME prior to nomination	Eminent and notable contributions in engineering, design, or construction in the past five years
Walter O. Bachus Gold Medal	A member of The Society for at least ten years.	Outstanding leadership and accomplishments in support of the Society mission over one's entire period of membership in the Society.
JW Morris Award	A company must have at least two or more Post sustaining memberships in each of the previous five years.	The company appoints individuals to sustaining member representative positions for each Post affiliation: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Company representatives take on leadership positions at the Post, Region and National level, including Board of Direction, standing committees and conference planning committees; • Company supports Young Member participation in Society activities and mentoring programs; • Company supports K-12, College Outreach and community service activities; • The number of Posts supporting the nomination with validation of the company's participation during the past year (in the form of attached letters of support). • The company advertises in SAME publications (The Military Engineer, SAME News and the Print Version of the Directory of Member Companies & Public Agencies). • The company exhibited and sponsored activities/events at SAME National and Region Conferences.
Merit Award	SAME member prior to nomination	Outstanding contributions to The Society including, but not limited to: More than 20 years service to a Post; Leadership in achieving the Society's goals.
President's Medal	Any person who was a member of the Society in the President's year in office.	Outstanding leadership and accomplishment in support of the Society's strategic plan during the President's year of office. Normally, one medal will be given to an RVP, one to a National Committee Chair and one to a member who the President desires to recognize with this high honor.
Robert B. Flowers Small Business Member Award	A company that has at least one Post Sustaining Membership in the past three years and is a Small Business in at least one NAICS category as of the date of nomination.	Extent to which the company appoints individuals to sustaining member representative positions for each Post affiliation: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Extent to which company SM representatives take on leadership positions at the Post level, including Board of Direction and committees; • Extent to which the company supports K-12, College Outreach and community service activities; • Extent to which the company participates in Small Business programs sponsored by The Society or public agencies; • Extent to which the company exhibits and sponsors at SAME region and national conferences. • Extent to which company supported Young Member participation in Society activities and mentoring programs.
Student Leadership Medal	Any Student Member of the Society at the time of nomination.	The following criteria will be used in judging nominations for excellence in the current academic year: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Leadership in a SAME Student Chapter or SAME student mentoring program 2. Leadership in organizing and conducting professional development activities under the auspices of The Society of American Military Engineers 3. Leadership in community service
Student Certificate	Any member of The Society, Student Chapter, Sustaining Member Company, or Public Agency or group as stated in the criteria.	Certificates of Achievement will be awarded annually to individuals and organizations contributing to the success of Student Chapters or mentoring programs of The Society based on the following criteria: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Actively participate in a SAME student chapter or SAME student mentoring program. 2. Plan and conduct professional development activities associated with architecture, engineering, construction, environment and related disciplines under the auspices of SAME. 3. Participate in community service activities.
Sverdrup Medal	Uniformed Members of SAME who have not passed his/her 36th birthday in the year for which nominated and who was a member of SAME prior to nomination.	The following criteria will be used in judging nominations: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Outstanding contributions to engineering, design, construction, research & development, or planning for the past three years. 2. Demonstrated leadership in managing projects or organizations. 3. Receipt of awards or other recognition for professionalism, leadership and/or community service.
Technology Advancement Medal	A member of SAME during the year for which nominated	Initiative in advancement of existing engineering and related technology for the past three years; demonstrated acceptance and application of technology by users; demonstrated communication skills in technology advancement; effective use of team work; and cost savings and effectiveness of the technology.
Tudor Medal	Civilian member of SAME who have not passed his/her 36th birthday in the year for which nominated and who was a member of SAME prior to nomination.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Outstanding contributions to engineering, design, construction, research & development, or planning for the past three. • Demonstrated leadership in managing projects or organizations • Receipt of awards or other recognition for professionalism, leadership and/or community service
Urbahn Medal	A Registered Architect who was a member of SAME prior to nomination	Eminent and notable contribution in the field of architecture in the past five years.
Young Member Medal	Any member of The Society who has been a member for the past five years and has not passed his/her 36th birthday in the year for which nominated	Outstanding leadership and accomplishments in support of the Society Mission over ones entire period of membership in the Society.